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ASSEMBLY)
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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with Applicant's duty of candor under 37 CFR §1.56 and in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98, Applicant is not aware of any material prior art but, in an abundance of caution and candor, Applicant submits the present Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449.

Applicant hereby notifies the Examiner of corresponding United States Patent No. 6,692,206 which will issued on February 17, 2004 (Serial No. 10/222,269).

German Patent No. 1 055 719 is not in the English language. German Patent No. 1 055 719 discloses a caged nut for securing a screw thereto.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the receipt of a first Office Action on the merits and constitutes a bona fide attempt to comply with 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

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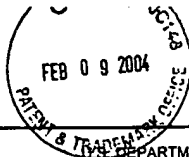
Applicant notes that by providing the protrusions on the cage member along the seam makes the cage member stronger when the cage member is welded to the mating surface. Applicant further notes that by providing the seam on the bottom of the cage member, the cage member is made stronger when the cage member is welded to the mating surface.

Should the Examiner believe a fee is required, the United States Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized and requested to charge the fee to the deposit account of the undersigned firm, Account No. 20-1495.

Respectfully submitted,

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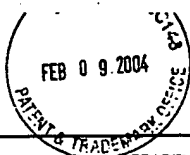
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